

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**  
**Southern District of California**

In re

EXEMPTION FROM )  
ELECTRONIC PUBLIC )  
ACCESS FEES )  
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Amended Administrative Order No. 99-1

Appendix I of the Bankruptcy Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule, issued in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1930 (b) provides that a court may exempt certain persons and classes of persons from the fee for electronic access to court data. This court had previously exempted attorney users filing 51% of their documents electronically to promote access to case information and use of CM/ECF.

The Judicial Conference of the United States has recently amended the exemption language regarding the waiving of electronic access fees. Consistent with Judicial Conference policy, the court may, upon a showing of cause, exempt indigents, bankruptcy case trustees, individual researchers associated with educational institutions, courts, section 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations and pro bono ADR neutrals from payment of these fees. The court shall not exempt local, state or federal government agencies, members of the media, attorneys or others not members of one of the groups listed above. This revision constrains this court from continuing its exemption for attorneys filing electronically.

The Judicial Conference policy does, however, allow attorneys filing electronically to obtain one free copy of everything filed in their cases from an email received after the filing. Implementation of this court's amended exemption order will be effective May 1 to allow CM/ECF users (who will lose this exemption) to insure they have valid email addresses in the system for receipt of the notice of electronic filing and the one free copy.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court maintain a list of bankruptcy case trustees, who file in excess of 51% of their documents through CM/ECF, and other designated persons, and that the list be forwarded to the Pacer Service Center for exemption from the fees for electronic access to court data on or after May 1, 2005.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall update this list periodically to add and delete exempted users who meet or fail to meet these criteria.

Dated: March 24, 2005

s/ John J. Hargrove  
John J. Hargrove, Chief Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court